

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A short card support for supporting a short printed circuit card inserted into an electronic system, the short printed circuit card having a first edge not coupled to the electronic system, the short card support comprising:
  - a card guide end adapted to couple to a card guide of the electronic system;
  - a card receptor end adapted to couple with the first edge of the short printed circuit card; and
  - a support span connecting the card guide end and the card receptor end.
2. The short card support of claim 1, wherein a span length of the short card support is adjustable.
3. The short card support of claim 2, wherein the adjustable span length is selectively adjustable in a range from approximately 10% to 90% of a length of a card bay of the electronic system.
4. The short card support of claim 2, wherein the adjustable span length is selectively adjustable in a range from approximately 2 to 6 inches.
5. The short card support of claim 1, wherein the short card support is made from an electrically non-conducting material.
6. The short card support of claim 5, wherein the electrically non-conducting material is selected from the group consisting of plastics, particle filled plastics, sintered materials, and inorganic materials.
7. The short card support of claim 1, wherein short card support is made from non-inflammable material.

8. The short card support of claim 1, wherein the short card support has a fixed length of less than 12 inches.
9. The short card support of claim 1, wherein the card receptor end is width adjustable to accommodate varying thickness short cards.
10. A short printed circuit card assembly insertable into an electronic system comprising:
  - a printed circuit card having a first edge; and
  - a card support configured to couple to the first edge of the printed circuit card, the card support including:
    - a card guide end adapted to couple to the electronic system,
    - a card receptor end adapted to couple to the first edge of the printed circuit card, and
    - a support span connecting the card guide end and the card receptor end.
11. The short printed circuit card assembly of claim 10, wherein a span length of the support span is adjustable.
12. The short printed circuit card assembly of claim 11, wherein the adjustable span length is selectively adjustable in a range from approximately 10% to 90% of a length of a card bay of the electronic system.
13. The short printed circuit card assembly of claim 11, wherein the adjustable span length is selectively adjustable in a range from approximately 2 to 6 inches.
14. The short printed circuit card assembly of claim 10, wherein the short card support is made from an electrically non-conducting material.

15. The short printed circuit card assembly of claim 14, wherein the electrically non-conducting material is selected from the group consisting of plastics, particle filled plastics, sintered materials, and inorganic materials.
16. The short printed circuit card assembly of claim 10, wherein the card receptor end is width adjustable to accommodate varying thickness short cards.
17. The short printed circuit card assembly of claim 10, wherein the support span has a fixed length of less than 12 inches.
18. A short printed circuit card assembly inserted into an electronic system comprising:
  - a printed circuit card mechanically coupled to the electronic system on a first edge and mechanically and electrically coupled to the electronic system on a connector edge; and
  - a printed card support;
  - wherein the printed card support comprises a card guide end coupled to the electronic system, a card receptor end coupled with a second edge of the printed circuit card, and a support span connecting the card guide end and the card receptor end.
19. The short printed circuit card assembly inserted into an electronic system of claim 18, wherein a span length of the printed card support is adjustable.
20. The short printed circuit card assembly inserted into an electronic system of claim 18, wherein the support span has a fixed length of less than 12 inches.
21. The short printed circuit card assembly inserted into an electronic system of claim 18, wherein the card receptor end is width adjustable to accommodate varying thickness short cards.

22. A short card support for supporting a short printed circuit card having a first edge in an electronic system having a card guide, the short card support comprising:

a card guide end adapted to couple to the card guide of the electronic system;

a card receptor end adapted to couple with the first edge of the short printed circuit card;

a support span connecting the card guide end and the card receptor end; and

means for selectively positioning the card receptor end for reception of the first edge of the short printed circuit card.

23. The short card support of claim 20, wherein the means for selectively positioning the card receptor end includes a stop assembly.

24. The short card support of claim 20, wherein the means for selectively positioning the card receptor end includes a clasp.

25. The short card support of claim 20, wherein the means for selectively positioning the card receptor end includes a pin.

26. A method of supporting a short printed circuit card having a first edge, a second edge, the short printed circuit card insertable into an electronic system having card guides, the method comprising:

coupling the first edge of the short printed circuit card to a first card guide of the electronic system; and

supporting the second edge of the short printed circuit card with a short card support comprising a card receptor end removably attached to the second edge of the short printed circuit card, a card guide end adapted to removably couple to a second card guide of the electronic system, and a support span connecting the card receptor end and the card guide end.

27. The method of supporting a short printed circuit card insertable into an electronic system of claim 26, wherein the short printed circuit card includes a connector edge insertable into a connector plane of the electronic system.
28. The method of supporting a short printed circuit card insertable into an electronic system of claim 27, wherein the method further comprises electrically and mechanically coupling the connector edge of the short printed circuit card to the connector plane of the electronic system.
29. The method of supporting a short printed circuit card insertable into an electronic system of claim 26, wherein the method includes adjusting a span length of the support span to bridge the distance between the card guide end coupled to the second card guide and the card receptor end removably attached to the second edge of the short printed circuit card.
30. An electronic system comprising:  
a short card inserted into the electronic system, the short card having a first edge not coupled to the electronic system; and  
a support spanning between the first edge of the short card and a card guide of the electronic system.
31. The electronic system of claim 30, wherein the support is a short card support.
32. The electronic system of claim 31, wherein the short card support is an adjustable short card support.
33. The electronic system of claim 31, wherein the short card support includes a card guide end adapted to couple to the card guide of the electronic system, a card receptor end adapted to couple with the first edge of the short card, and a support span connecting the card guide end and the card receptor end.

34. The electronic system of claim 33, wherein the card receptor end is width adjustable to accommodate varying thickness short cards.
35. The electronic system of claim 32, wherein a span length of the support is selectively adjustable in a range from approximately 10% to 90% of a length of a card bay of the electronic system.
36. The electronic system of claim 32, wherein a span length of the support is selectively adjustable in a range from approximately 2 to 6 inches.
37. The electronic system of claim 26, wherein the electronic system is a computer system.